

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 15 and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 8-10 and 12 have been withdrawn by the Examiner.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1 and 3-14. The Office Action at page 2 states that non-elected claims 8-10 and 12 are withdrawn, but at page 4 indicates that those claims are also allowed. Non-elected claims 8-10 and 12 depend from allowed generic claim 3. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that withdrawn claims 8-10 and 12 be rejoined and allowed. See MPEP §821.04(a).

The Office Action rejects claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §101, and rejects claims 2 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). By this Amendment, claims 2, 15 and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejections are moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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